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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] Memorandum For Justice
Department

1. Attached is an OGC draft with suggested changes in the text of the subject memorandum. Inasmuch as this is, in effect, a short "statement of fact" we suggest that it be so entitled accompanied by a cover memorandum to indicate the initiative and purpose behind the statement.

2. Since this office has the established liaison responsibility with the Justice Department, the statement should be submitted through us. We assume that the final approval of the DDP and General Counsel will be required. Upon receipt of such approval we will forward the statement under appropriate cover memorandum to the Justice Department.

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Office of General Counsel

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Mr. James H. McCrea
3231 Harvard
Fresno, California 93703

Dear Mr. McCrea:

This is in response to your letter of 4 April in which you asked for the justification for the financial support provided to the U.S. National Student Association by the United States Government. I think your question is answered by the enclosed portion of the Katzenbach Committee report to the President. The section of that report entitled "A New Policy" is especially pertinent to your expressed concern about the USNSA.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

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Executive Assistant

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THE WHITE HOUSE

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

I have received the report from the committee which I appointed on February 15 to review relationships between the Central Intelligence Agency and private American voluntary organizations. This committee consisted of Under Secretary of State Nicholas Katzenbach, as Chairman, Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare John Gardner, and CIA Director Richard Helms.

I accept this committee's proposed statement of policy and am directing all agencies of the government to implement it fully.

We will also give serious consideration to the committee's recommendation "that the government should promptly develop and establish a public-private mechanism to provide public funds openly for overseas activities of organizations which are adjudged deserving, in the national interest, of public support." To review concrete ways of accomplishing this objective, I am requesting Secretary Rusk to serve as chairman of a special committee which will include representatives from the Executive, the Congress, and the private community.

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1: A NEW POLICY

The years immediately after World War II saw a surge of communist activity in organizations throughout the world. Students, scientists, veterans, women and professional groups were organized into international bodies which spoke in the cadences, advocated the policies, and furthered the interests of the communist bloc. Much of this activity was organized, directed, and financed covertly by communist governments.

American organizations reacted from the first. The young men and women who founded the United States National Student Association, for example, did so precisely to give American youth the capacity to hold their own in the international arena. But the importance of students as a force in international events had yet to become widely understood and NSA found it difficult to attract private support for its international activities. Accordingly, the United States Government, acting through the Central Intelligence Agency, provided support for this overseas work.

We have taken NSA as an example. While no useful purpose would be served by detailing any other CIA programs of assistance to private American voluntary organizations, one fundamental point should be clearly stated: such assistance was given pursuant to National Security Council policies beginning in October, 1951 and with the subsequent concurrence of high-level senior interdepartmental review committees in the last four Administrations. In December, 1960, in a classified report submitted after a year of study, a public-private Presidential Committee on Information Activities Abroad specifically endorsed both overt and covert programs, including those assisted by CIA.

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